

“If I Had \$100, I Would...”

Essay Contest

Sponsored by
The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs

Level: Open to all South Carolina 4th, 5th and 6th Grade School Students
(One entry per student.)

Time:

1. Content: Essays should directly address the topic, not exceed 250 words and be handwritten or typed. Each submission must include a completed Statement of Assurance.
2. Entry Deadline: Essays must be received no later than **5 p.m. on December 10, 2010**. Essays should be sent to the Department by mail:

Public Information Division
c/o South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs
PO Box 5757
Columbia, SC 29250

3. Winners: Awards will be presented at a statehouse ceremony during National Consumer Protection Week in March. Winning essayists will be notified at least four weeks in advance.

Awards: Ten \$100 savings bonds will be awarded to the Top Ten Essayists, courtesy of the South Carolina Bankers Association.

Criteria:	<u>Maximum Points</u>	<u>Actual Points Scored</u>
All essays will be judged on:		
I. <u>Expression and Creativity</u>	25	_____
A. Title/General Approach		
B. Imaginative Ideas		
C. Interesting Word Choice		
II. <u>Mechanics</u>	35	_____
A. Grammar		
B. Language Usage		
C. Sentence Structure		
III. <u>Writing Process</u>	40	_____
A. Logical presentation of idea		
B. Style of writing is consistent		
C. Ideas fully explained		
D. Ideas stick to theme		
Total:		_____